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having been ill aboard for sixteen days and requiring special care and nursing, was sent to the hospital by the Cuban quarantine officer for treatment. All living compartments occupied by the sick, particularly the forecastle where the majority of the cases originated, were carefully fumigated with sulphur dioxide under my direction and supervision. No new developments occurred on board and all hands showed normal temperature on August 1, when this vessel cleared from this port.

Since August 1 no new cases of yellow fever have been reported within this province. The latest case at Colon was imported from a sugar plantation known by the name of "Mercedes," within the rural district of Guareiras, distant about 6 miles from Colon. The case occurred in a Spanish immigrant who had been working at the plantation for the last six months, since his arrival from Spain, without returning to Habana during that time. Near by is the town of Real Campiña, where one case of yellow fever was reported on December 11 last, and it is inferred by the Cuban sanitary authorities that the contagion was contracted at the latter place, the only known focus of infection which the patient confessed to have recently visited.

This case was brought to the hospital of Colon on July 31 in an advanced stage of the disease and died during the evening of August 1. The findings at the necropsy held on the case on August 2, according to information received fully confirmed the nature of the disease as

yellow fever.

The assigned origin of the contagion in this case appears doubtful, unless we admit the recent preexistence of other cases of a mild form, not detected, either at Real Campiña, the Mercedes plantation, or possibly some other section of the formerly infected territory in the vicinity of Colon or Union de Reyes.

A sanitary brigade under the direction of medical inspectors is said to have been ordered from Habana to Colon for the purpose of carrying out rigid sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Summary of the transactions at this office for the month of July, 1906:

Bills of health issued	25
Number of crews	690
Number of passengers	78
Immune certificates granted	3
Vessels fumigated	4
Cases of yellow fever reported.	0

There were no transactions for the Canal Zone nor for the Republic of Panama.

August 14. One yellow fever imported from Habana aboard steamship *Miguel M. Penillos* reported to-day. Case isolated, Civil Hospital.

Report from Santiago—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Vaccination certificates for the Canal Zone issued.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 1, as follows: Week ended July 28, 1906. Bills of health issued to 4 vessels bound for the United States. No vessel was fumigated.

No quarantinable disease was reported.

During the month of July, 1906, 3 vaccination certificates were issued for the Canal Zone and Panama.